

which includes carefully defined language and the use of medical terminology where applicable will be the result. Furthermore, I feel that it is imperative that exceptions for the life, as well as health of the mother should be included in the body of this bill.

The subject of this legislation focuses us on the most extreme and rare forms of abortion. As a woman I am very conscious of women's health issues and I am thankful for the progress that has been made on behalf of women, especially in the area of safe pregnancies and deliveries. But, I am now also aware of the tragic circumstances in which some of these termination procedures are performed and their profound physical and psychological effects on the entire family, particularly the mother.

My heart goes out to those women and their families that have had to make the devastating choice to end a late-term pregnancy which was wanted. These families have chosen this path because the fetus in the mother's womb is incompatible with life and doomed to die a painful death in the hours or days after birth, or die before delivery which would create extreme health problems for the mother. This situation is as physically, mentally, and emotionally traumatic as anything that I could ever imagine. The availability of this surgical procedure allows the mother the choice between risking debilitating infections or even her life, versus preserving another opportunity to bring a child into this world.

Not only do I bring a woman's perspective to this debate, but as the wife of an obstetrician, I am also somewhat versed in the medical community's approach to these most extreme procedures. I am assured that this procedure is not performed often and certainly not without pursuing every other option available before this course of action is decided upon.

I certainly pray that I am never in the position to have to make a personal decision of this magnitude. However, in such an unlikely event, I want to know that my right to decide about my life and the life of my unborn child is not hindered by a government grown too large to understand human suffering. This is a decision that should be made between a woman, her family, her doctor, and her Creator.

I believe that we members of a civilized society should agree that so-called partial-birth abortions are horrible under any circumstances. They should be banned except in instances where the alternative is even more horrible.

A TRIBUTE TO REV. J. ALFRED SMITH, SR.

HON. RONALD V. DELLUMS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 9, 1995

Mr. DELLUMS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to share with you and my colleagues a tribute to Dr. J. Alfred Smith, Sr., who has contributed 25 years of valuable service and leadership to the community as the senior pastor of the Allen Temple Baptist Church. One cannot speak of the virtues of Allen Temple without recognizing the tremendous contributions of Dr. Smith. I can only do justice to Dr. Smith

by including his lifelong dedication and achievements.

Dr. J. Alfred Smith, Sr. is the senior pastor of Allen Temple Baptist Church of Oakland, CA. He is a professor of Christian ministry at the American Baptist Seminary of the West and the Graduate Theological Union of Berkeley, CA, and is a visiting professor at Fuller Theological Seminary. He is president of the American Baptist Church of the West and is past president of the Progressive National Baptist Convention, U.S.A. He has been distinguished pastor in residence at the School of Divinity of Howard University. Recently, he was guest lecturer at the School of Divinity of Duke University and the School of Divinity of Yale University—Hoskins Lectures on Ministry.

Dr. Smith has served as visiting professor at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, KY, and as lecturer at the School of Divinity of Harvard University. He has been adjunct professor and advisor of doctoral ministry students at the Pacific School of Religion and has served as adjunct professor of parish ministry at the American Baptist Seminary of the West. Dr. Smith is a member of the advisory boards of the School of Divinity of Howard University and the United Theological Seminary. He is also a member of the University of California, Berkeley Community Advisory Board, and the California State Legislator's Commission on the African American Male. He has served as acting dean of the American Baptist Seminary of the West, as a representative for seminarians, and as a member of the executive board of the National Council of Churches. He is the founding chairperson of the Bay Area Black United Fund.

Dr. Smith has traveled extensively to speak at churches, universities, and seminarians nationwide. He addressed the Baptist World Alliance when the body convened in Toronto, Canada, and Seoul, Korea. He served as preacher for the 1991 Bermuda Bible conference.

He has spoken in West Africa, Jerusalem, Sweden, Denmark, Mexico, Canada, Switzerland, and the Virgin Islands. In April 1989, Dr. Smith addressed the United Nations on apartheid in South Africa and the anti-apartheid efforts of African-American churches. In February 1988, Dr. Smith led a delegation from the United States on a fact-finding mission to Sierra Leone, where he and others have established a Baptist mission.

A native of Kansas City, MO, Dr. Smith is married to Jo Anne Goodwin Smith. He has been a licensed minister since 1948 and an ordained minister since 1951. He earned his doctor of ministry from Golden Gate Seminary, his master of theology from American church history from American Baptist Seminary of the West, his master of theology in church and community and bachelor of divinity, both from Missouri School of Religion, and his bachelor of science from Western Baptist College. Under his leadership, Allen Temple Baptist Church has grown from fewer than 1,000 members in 1970, when Dr. Smith became its pastor, to over 4,000 members today. As senior pastor, Dr. Smith administers over 25 community and family oriented programs and services of the church.

Dr. Smith had published over 16 books which are used by seminaries, Bible students, teachers, and scholars worldwide. Recent publications include "Giving to a Giving God, Basic Bible Sermons," with co-author J. Alfred

Smith, Jr., a chapter in "From Prison Cell to Church Pew," Gloria Skew and Gayraud Wilmore, eds., and a sermon in "Best Sermons for 1993," Dr. James Cox, ed. He is a contributing author of Holman Bible Publisher's "The Study Bible." Books by Dr. Smith and Allen Temple include "Guidelines for Effective Urban Ministry," "Preaching as a Social Act" discuss Dr. Smith's personal theology.

Dr. Smith has earned over 125 awards, including honors from Stanford University, the Martin Luther King International Chapel of Morehouse College, the National Council of Negro Women, Alpha Phi Alpha, the Bay Area Free South Africa Movement, the U.S. Congress, and AFRICARE. He has been elevated to the 33d degree of Prince Hall, Free and Accepted Masons. He has received an honorary doctorate from Western Baptist College and the Inter-Baptist Theological Center. In 1990, Dr. Smith was awarded an honorary doctor of humane letters from the American Baptist Seminary of the West. The work of Dr. Smith and the Allen Temple Baptist Church have been featured in numerous media, including NBC's "Today Show," October 1991, Christianity Today, Ebony, the Oakland Tribune, the San Francisco Chronicle, the Los Angeles Times, the San Jose Mercury, and the American Baptist.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO FATHER
GEORGE F. RILEY

HON. THOMAS J. MANTON

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 9, 1995

Mr. MANTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to wish a happy 80th birthday to Father George F. Riley. It is rare to meet a man who is so dedicated to his community.

A native of Massachusetts, Father Riley has been an important part of the Villanova community for the past 35 years where he currently serves as the special assistant to the president of the university. In this position he is responsible for assisting the development and maintenance of a strong communication network between Villanova and the more than 75,000 alumni around the world.

Father Riley's positions in the field of teaching and administration is impressive. His positions include campus Peace Corps director; provincial secretary; archivist and vocation director of the Augustine Order which conducts Villanova and national director of the Alumni Fund. He also served for 21 years as vice president of university development. During his tenure he raised over \$83 million in grants and gifts for Villanova University.

In addition to his many works at Villanova University, Father Riley is involved in a number of other organizations. These include: a trustee emeritus of Merrimack College in Andover, MA, a commissioner at the Pennsylvania Public Television Network Commission; member of the board of directors of the Higher Education Congress of Philadelphia, and the United Way.

Mr. Speaker, Father Riley has also been the recipient of several awards and honors. These awards include Man of the Year by the Hebrew Academy of Atlantic County, New Jersey; the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick of the